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1. On 1 April 1954 at 2015 hours a meeting of a communist cell was held at the home of Parlato (fmu), in Garden City, Tripoli. The meeting was attended by eleven members, including Giorgio Racusa, Morganti (fmu), Colobaldo Fischi, and a number of Italians employed by Wheelus Air Force Base.
2. The topic of discussion at this meeting revolved around Bir el-Osta Saleh, an area known as "Stoni" located east of Tripoli and used by the Wheelus Air Force Base as an ammunition dump.
3. The various merits of setting the dump on fire or exploding it, or alternatively of creating gossip about the danger which might emanate from it in the event of an explosion were discussed. It was decided to spread rumors about the considerable damage which would be caused if the dump were to explode, and the scandalous effect of such an explosion on the prestige of the Libyan Government. It was also decided to disseminate propaganda to the effect that the Libyan authorities should ask the Americans for insurance against such a possibility, as well as for a rental adequate to guarantee against Libyan losses resulting from any such explosion.
4. The cell agreed to request a guard responsible for guarding the dump to take pictures thereof and to measure its size.

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